

### Today's Volunteers - Sunday, February 24

Greeters: John and Tara Whitfield, Nancy Taber, Brenda Turner

Ushers: Greg Mixon, Terry Clark, Richard Brinkley, Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson

Attendance: Mark and Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman

Counters: Kathy Keane, Marty Hilyer

Time With The Children: Judy Barnes

Nursery: Amy Schwartz, Maureen Clark

Children's Church: Sue Kesterson

Sound: Marty Hilyer

Acolyte: Ewan Park

### KOINONIA Volunteers - February 27th

Pat Robosky, Myrna Gause, Elizabeth and Jim Taylor, Kathy Morganelli, Bev Elbert, Linda Floyd, Ben Smith

### Next Week's Volunteers - Sunday, March 3

Greeters: Mary Lou Taylor, Hal and Suzie Bowman, Kathy Keane

Ushers: Shelagh Wirth, Bev Elbert, Tom and Betty Shuler

Attendance: Barbara Fowler, Johnadee White

Counters: Linda Floyd

Time With The Children: Tish Lowe

Nursery: Amy Schwartz, Donna Moore

Sound: Ken Watkins

### STAFF

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Jana Creighton - jana@sopc.net

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**Nursery Coordinator:** Amy Schwartz

### SESSION MEMBERS

**2019:** Pat Byrne - Congreg. Care Chair

Marty Hilyer - Missions

Kathy Keane - Christian Education Chair

Jim Taylor - Good News Chair

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**2020:** Jeanne LeBoeuf - Christian Education

Tish Lowe - Missions Chair

Kathryn Morganelli - Worship Chair

Jack Noë - Good News

Mark Wishart - Fellowship Chair

**2021:** Richard Brinkley - Administration

Linda Floyd - Worship

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Melanie Mixon - Good News

John Whitfield - Missions

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**Trustees:** Janice Reiser, Lucretia Seigler

**Treasurer:** Hal Bowman

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Richard Brinkley, Marjorie Claytor, Rosemary and Tom Falls, Nan Foster, Joe Gause, Martha Hallbick, Nancy Humphreys, Kim Kent, Kathy Killian, Jane Pendleton, Dick and Barbara Schneider, Kirk Wirth

### THIS WEEK AT SOPC

#### February 24 - Sunday

9:45am Sunday School\*

11:00am Worship Service\*

12:15pm Covenant Ringers

5:15pm Bootcamp

#### February 25, Monday

10:30pm Bible Study

#### February 26, Tuesday

7:00pm YOGA

#### February 27, Wednesday

12:15pm Chair YOGA

5:30pm Koinonia

7:30pm Chancel Choir

#### February 28, Thursday

#### March 1, Friday

6:45am Lanterns

7:00am - 7:00am Prayer Vigil

(7am - 9am - Drive Thru)

#### March 2, Saturday

#### March 3, Sunday

9:45am Sunday School\*

11:00am Worship and Communion\*

12:15pm Covenant Ringers

6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner



## SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Worship Service - February 24, 2019

Welcome to **Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church.**

We pray that you will truly experience

God's love and grace as you worship!

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Creighton and Rev. Alice Odell

(Please sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE:

*You Never Let Go*

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

\*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: *Written by Rodney Hamilton, taken from Luke 6*

**All: The enemy - love them, The oppressor - walk the mile with them  
The Master - turn the other cheek to them**

One: This doormat faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully always seem to win

**All: The enemy - imbalance them with love. The oppressor - shame the law that oppresses  
The Master - turn the cheek as an equal**

One: This rebellious faith seems too much to bear in a world where those who bully are loved back to justice by the bullied. But this is heaven's revolution and we are called into it.

**All: Come let us worship love's rebel, Jesus the Christ.**

\* HYMN #761:

*Called as Partners in God's Service*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Alice Odell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *written by Susan Mark Landis*

One: Lord, the hardest thing you asked was that we love our enemies. (Matthew 5:44)

**All: We know how we'd like to love them: We'd love our enemies to be far away. We'd love them not to compromise our security. We'd love them not to scare us or change the way we live. We'd love them to be lovable. We'd love it to be popular to love enemies. We'd love our neighbors to respect us for this good deed. We'd love the people on the news to provide examples of how to love.**

One: But then, if loving enemies were easy, Jesus wouldn't have told us about the tax collectors and gentiles, Who love only their friends. If loving enemies were easy, we know We wouldn't need God's strong arms to bear us up in difficult times. We wouldn't need the blood of Christ to save us from human sin. We wouldn't need the Spirit flowing among us, wiping our tears. We wouldn't need the Bible to tell us what the world does not.

**All: God of all mercy, Who loved us when we were your sinful enemies, Who saved us through your immeasurable grace, Who gave us a gift we did not deserve, Let us imitate you by loving those who are yet our enemies. Teach us to know how to love enemies, To wish them the best of the life you intend each human to have, and then pray and act so those wishes come true. Teach us hope, so we know that with your blessing, impossible dreams become reality. Teach us faith, so we know that only the strength to stop hating will halt the cycles of violence and revenge. Teach us forgiveness, which we know is suffering love through piercing tears. Teach us, O Lord, your ways.**

One: When our community looks at our congregation, Hears our words and sees our deeds, help them to know that you, the God of love, lives among us And that they can come to us to

learn about Christian love of enemies.

**All: Lord, Hear our Prayers**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:		Youth/Children/Michaela Craven
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN		Elder Judy Barnes
ANTHEM:	<i>Come, Children of Zion</i> Chancel Choir	arr. Lloyd Larson
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
GOSPEL READING:	<i>Luke 6:27-38</i>	page 60
OLD TESTAMENT READING:	<i>Genesis 45:1-15</i>	page 40
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord	
People:	<b>Thanks be to God</b>	
MESSAGE:	<i>"The Gift of Enemies"</i>	Rev. Jana Creighton

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Excerpts from Confession of Belhar*

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe:**

- ◆ **That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**
- ◆ **That unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**
- ◆ **That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered.**
- ◆ **That this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;**
- ◆ **Together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; That we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; That we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together, together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity; That true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.**

\* HYMN #435: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Alice Odell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *We Hear Singing* Mary Helen Kerrick  
Chancel Choir

CONGREGATION RESPONSE: #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #649: *Amazing Grace*

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* CHORAL RESPONSE: *Go Forth to Serve*

\* POSTLUDE: *Recessional* John Turner

**During the Welcome and Announcements** please pass the Friendship Books to record your presence here today. You are invited to greet each other with the love of Christ after worship.

**Nursery:** A nursery is available in building A for ages 0 - 3. If you have any questions please see anyone of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

**Children's Worship:** Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4-4<sup>th</sup> grade can either choose to continue to worship with their families, or go to Children's Church. Please pick up children from Building "A". Worship Bags for wiggly children ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

**A Guest Welcome Table** is in the Narthex. If you have questions please ask an Elder with an "ASK ME" badge.

**Worship CD's of services.** Contact the office, ask a Sound System Volunteer in the balcony, or listen/download to podcast at [www.sopc.net/sermons](http://www.sopc.net/sermons).

**Music Notes:** Our Call to Worship uses the traditional Latin prayer, which means: Grant us peace. As the choir sings, please pray for peace in our hearts and peace among people. The prelude is a worship song by Matt and Beth Redman. The refrain makes it clear that through the calm and through the storm, in every high and low, our Lord will never let us go. The choir's anthem is based on the traditional American hymn-tune, Foundation.

**Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God, by Donna Moore and in remembrance of her beloved husband, James T. (Jim) Moore, Jr. and the 31 beautiful years they shared together.

**2019 Flowers:** If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary for: May 12, June 9, 16, July 7, 21, Sept 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, please contact the office at 772-1761. The cost is \$75.

**Elder Nominations:** The nominating committee would like your suggestions on who to nominate for the 2022 class of elders. We need your suggestions today.

**World Prayer Day - Friday, March 1, 2019:** Join the world in offering prayers of joy and concerns to the Lord. The sanctuary will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We will offer a drive thru prayer time of 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. If you are willing to help encourage our neighbors to participate, please let us know.

**Bootcamp** continues tonight with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and we will be studying the book of Job. See you there and don't forget to bring a friend.

**Koinonia:** Don't forget to sign up for Koinonia at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th. Larry Jones from Shaw Industries will be speaking. Our menu will be country fried steak with the yummy sides.

**PW in Trinity Presbytery Annual Gathering:** Be sure to pick up your registration form in the Narthex for our Saturday, March 16th event.

**Spaghetti Dinner and Dance:** Our Children and Youth would like to serve you at a Spaghetti Dinner and Dance on Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is no cost but donations will be accepted for our upcoming mission trips, camps and conferences. Our children and youth will be sharing their experiences from past trips. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

**Missions Collections:** Beanie Weenies as well as any kind of canned meat like chicken, tuna, salmon, ham, corned beef and spam for Sharing God's Love, pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

**Women's Retreat - Saturday, May 25th.:** Watch history come to life right here in Columbia! Tour four historic homes in downtown Columbia, eat lunch in the Carriage House and fellowship with women of SOPC! Save the date and more information will be provided. If you have questions, ask Judy Barnes.

**Inquirer's classes** will be held during SS in the Crossroads Classroom for any who would like to attend. The schedule of learning will be: March 17 - History of SOPC, March 24 - Reformed Tradition (What it means to be a Presbyterian) March 31 - Government and PCUSA, Trinity Presbytery, April 7 - What does it mean to be a member?

Inquirers will be invited to meet for a question and answer session and should you desire, become a faithful follower here at SOPC on Easter, April 21.

**Our recent task force** has made some goals for Pastor Jana so as to strengthen relationships within the congregation, including teaching classes for our congregation. Mark your calendars for March 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup> for a unique joint Sunday School class (all ages over 5 are welcome) in the Fellowship Hall. We will be serenaded by our children providing sweet treats as a fundraiser for the morning as we study what it means to be an Intergenerational Church.

**Vitalization returns!** Session has decided to continue our vitalization programming through Trinity Presbytery during Lent of 2019. This 7 week study will be provided for the congregation by way of the sermon topics which will reflect the 7 categories of vitalization within the church. While we are learning, session will receive the results from our recent survey and begin to plot a faithful course in following our God into the future according to the presence of the Holy Spirit. We ask for your prayers as we seek God's will in the life of the church. At the close of this study, there will be a week of prayer for the session and congregation during Holy Week, April 14 - 21. Your participation and feedback in this Lenten journey are critical to the future of the church. Elders at SOPC are ready and eager to hear your thoughts and prayers. Please be in touch with any of them during this process.